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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: General Truscott's Report on Collection of Scientific Intelligence

1. General Truscott has submitted a report on the coordination of the collection of scientific intelligence [redacted]

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The Situation

2. He points out the following situations:

a. There is a need for improving the collection of scientific and technical intelligence on the Soviet Orbit [redacted]

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b. In the scientific field there are evidences of lack of adequate and coordinated effort among U. S. intelligence agencies:

(1) Duplication in covering sources of information leading to damage in service relationships;

(2) The small number of technically competent people available in all of the collection services;

(3) There is unnecessary administrative burden in each Headquarters, including duplication in the preparation and maintenance of files and reference materials;

(4) Inadequate guidance of the collection effort;

(5) Lack of consultation among the units on common operating problems leading to possible security breaches;

(6) Instances of unhappy incidents [redacted]

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Action Proposed

3. The following summarizes the major actions which General Truscott proposes to take to meet the foregoing situation: [redacted]

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File - CIA - [redacted]

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a. Assigned the responsibility for coordinating scientific and technical intelligence collection [redacted]

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4. Unless you have objection to the measures which General Truscott intends to take there is nothing in this Report which it is believed would require your approval [redacted]

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Recommendation:

5. It is recommended that you sign the attached cable or [letter].

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